

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2932 – HB 3802

March 28, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015714): Changes the Board of Social Worker Certification and Licensure to the Board of Social Worker Licensure and increase membership to 11 members. Deletes the Certified Master Social Worker and Licensed Independent Practitioner classifications and creates four new licensure classifications.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue - \$61,100
Increase State Expenditures - \$7,500/One-Time
\$53,600/Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenue - \$63,400
Increase State Expenditures - \$8,000/One-Time
\$55,400/Recurring

Assumptions applied to amendment:

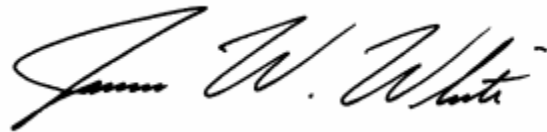
- The Board will hire a licensure technician to assist with the additional applications and the upgrades of current licensed social workers to the newly established licenses.
- The additional positions will result in an increase in one-time expenditures of \$4,300 which includes a computer (\$1,600) and office set-up (\$2,700).
- The additional positions will result in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$51,700 which includes salary (\$27,900), benefits (\$9,800), administrative allocation (\$7,900), communications (\$1,400), office lease (\$4,100), and supplies (\$600).
- The Board holds four meetings per year. This will result in an increase in travel reimbursement expenditures for the four additional members of the Board. It is assumed that each new Board member will travel an average of 400 miles to attend the meetings in Nashville at a rate of \$.46 per mile resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$2,944 (4 meetings x 4 members x 400 miles per meeting x \$.46 per mile). Each Board

member will receive \$50 per diem per meeting resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$800 (4 meetings x 4 members x \$50 per diem).

- The Board will need to hold one additional meeting in FY 2009 for rulemaking purposes resulting in an increase in one-time expenditures of \$3,650 which includes the travel reimbursement (\$2,600) and per diem (\$550) of each member and the cost of the court reporter (\$500).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-3-1011 and 63-1-137, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two year period.
- Currently, the Board of Social Worker Certification and Licensure is operating under a cumulative balance of \$247,100. This balance will stay with the newly named Board of Social Worker Licensure. It is assumed that the Board will set licensure fees at a level to cover the increased expenditures incurred by the proposed legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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